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In re application of: Artemis G. Hatzigeorgiou, et. al.

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THE SAME

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply and amendment is being filed in response to the outstanding Official Action dated April 13, 2010, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2.

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